Community Description: Providence

Demographics

It can easily be seen through Providence’s demographics that this area houses a significant amount of Rhode Island’s minority population. Of the recorded 178,042 people located in Providence, 111,132 are minority (62%). Whereas compared to Rhode Island as a whole, only 24% of its residents are minority. Providence hosts 32.8% Hispanic and over the age of 18 and Rhode Island only holds 10.2%. The Hispanic community is not the only minority that outnumbers most in Providence. The black community in Providence (16%) is slightly higher than Rhode Island (6%) as well. Both Rhode Island and Providence have only 1% of an Asian population. Reported by ProvPlan (a census), Providence has 30% of families with children that are in poverty while being compared to Rhode Island who has 14%. So it is clear that Providence is more in poverty although 86% and 88% of females and males respectively are employed.

Housing

Housing in Providence varies and resembles housing in Rhode Island in many different aspects. The average household in Providence houses 2.66 and Rhode Island houses 2.44 people, very similar numbers. Providence has fewer households in general but they have 5% more households than Rhode Island that hold 6 or more people residing in them. As previously mentioned in demographics, Providence is known more for their minorities. 16% of householders are black in Providence (5% in Rhode Island) and 31% are identified as Hispanic (9% in Rhode Island). Providence also houses less husband and wife households than Rhode Island overall (29% to 45%, respectively). Throughout Rhode Island, not only couples can be found, but elderly couples as well. Rhode Island houses a lot of the elderly, both homeowners and renters (26% and 19%, respectively). Providence elders, age 65 and over own and rent slightly less than Rhode Island as a whole, but not significantly less than (23% and 12% respectively).

Transportation

Finding transportation is crucial to relocating to various landmarks throughout Rhode Island. 77% of households in Providence have a car; 89% of households in Rhode Island have a car. So evidently people in Providence need to be more ‘transportation savvy’ and they are. More people in Providence (14%) carpool and drive alone (63%) to work whereas only 9% carpool and 81% drive alone to work within the state of Rhode Island. Providence residents use public transportation 5% more than Rhode Island as a whole too.